



Bill Lindsay's Community Report

from the Suffolk County Legislature

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Lindsay Authors Plan to Provide 24/7 Monitoring of Sex Offenders

Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay recently earned the approval of the Legislature to override County Executive Steve

"This will keep homeless sex offenders from skirting the Meghan's Law reporting system by moving from motel to motel, possibly in rooms next to families with young children."
-Leg Lindsay

Levy's veto of his legislation ending the voucher system for housing homeless sex offenders and calling on the County De-

partment of Social Services to implement a plan developed by Lindsay to settle the issue once and for all.

"The voucher system is a threat to everyone in the Eighth Legislative District," said Legislator Lindsay. "There is a motel in my district that homeless sex offenders were using and the motel owner had no idea that he was housing them. He was shocked when he learned that homeless sex offenders could just travel to any of a number of motels, including his, to find shelter. That will end once the new system is in place."

Lindsay's plan will provide 24/7 monitoring of these predators. According to Lindsay, "It will end the disaster waiting to happen that is the voucher system, which provides absolutely no



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Have a Heart, Install a Defibrillator

Lindsay Launches Program to Save Lives



Swift access to AEDs in the busy downtown areas along the Montauk highway corridor will save lives.

"When someone is having a heart attack, every second counts," said Legislator Lindsay. "If AEDs are available quickly, chances for survival in the case of cardiac ar-

rest increase greatly."

The Sayville Community Ambulance Company under the leadership of Chief James Atkinson will be working with the Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce to provide AEDs and instruct owners and employees in the use of the life-saving devices. The ambulance company will maintain the devices, which was entirely funded with a grant provided by Legislator Lindsay. The AEDs will be located in West Sayville, Sayville and Bayport, and the program should be fully implemented by late summer.

In another effort to save lives, Legislator Lindsay has also gained approval of legislation requiring that a comprehensive list of AED locations throughout the county be provided to 911 operators.

There will be times when it will be too late by the time an ambulance arrives to treat a cardiac arrest victim, when there might be an AED near the victim that could be used in time to save a life.



High Impact Capital Investments will Create New Jobs

*Legislature's Capital Program Targeted to Create Jobs,
Bolster Community College and Protect County Infrastructure*

Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay (D-Holbrook) gained approval to override a veto by County Executive Steve Levy of a bipartisan capital budget that focuses spending on projects that create jobs, advance educational opportunities for young adults and protect county infrastructure.

The Legislature's proposed actions are highlighted by three major investment projects at the Community College: restoring funding for a Gymnasium / Health & Fitness center on the Eastern Campus; advancing funding for a Learning Resource Center on the Grant Campus; and funding for college-wide infrastructure rehabilitation and improvements.

"People want to send their kids to Community College because it's the best deal in town," said Lindsay. "With the state match on these projects, we double every dollar we spend. We're putting people to work and we're educating our children and making it more likely that



they stay here. Sounds like a super bang for the buck to me."

"By choosing to invest in the quality of our College's facilities, the Legislature is supportive of the fact that education and training

will be the driving force behind our region's recovery," said Sean McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College. "This ultimately leads to jobs and a revitalization of the region's economy."

Bipartisan Reform Effort Continues to Make Progress

Legislature Taking Back Government from Special Interests

Under the leadership of Legislator Lindsay, and in the continuing effort to take back control of county government from special interests and return it to the people, Suffolk's Legislature approved five of the proposed laws in a seven-part bipartisan reform effort announced at the end of April.

In the wake of the uproar over revelations about contracting practices in Suffolk County, Lindsay and a bipartisan group of County Legislators pushed for wide-ranging changes in the way county government operates that will take back control of government from special interests.

"I am heartened to see the Legislature continue to take swift and decisive action to clean up the way Suffolk County government does business," said Lindsay. "Special interest groups have unfortunately had far too much influence over county government and we in the County Legislature will continue to fight for the reforms that will put government back where it belongs—in the hands of the people."

The most recent bills adopted included ethics board reforms sponsored by Legislator Ricardo Montano (D-Brentwood) that create additional independence

for the Ethics Commission by allowing it to hire independent counsel for ethics issues instead of relying on the County Attorney's office, as it does now.

Also approved was a title insurance law sponsored by County Legislator John M. Kennedy Jr. (R-Nesconset), a sweeping reform of the title insurance procedures of Suffolk County that creates a pool of more than 10 qualified title insurance companies and requires the county to rotate through the pool for all title insurance work.

The other bills in the reform package include:

--Legislation to improve oversight of the hiring of outside counsel sponsored by Presiding Officer Lindsay. The resolution requires that all proposals to hire outside counsel to provide legal services totaling more than \$25,000 without the issuance of a RFP must go before the RFP waiver committee.

--Legislator DuWayne Gregory's (D-Amityville) prompt payment proposal requires that contracts with not-for-profit organizations are paid in a timely manner.

--Legislator Gregory also sponsored the prompt contracting bill (IR 1415) which reforms the way the county issues contracts.

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-Leg. Lindsay

LINDSAY SPONSORS SUMMER CONCERTS

Sayville, Holbrook Concerts

The last of three free concerts sponsored by Legislator Lindsay will be held at Bosti Elementary School in Bohemia on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. Legislator Lindsay said the concerts provide a night of free entertainment for families and friends while also attracting shoppers to the downtown area in these tough economic times.

The first concert featured the premiere Billy Joel cover band "Big Shot" and attracted more than 2,500 people to Sayville. The Holbrook Country Club was transported back to the 1060s by Beatles cover band Strawberry Fields.

"These concerts have been a great event for everyone who enjoys good music, and that is everyone," said Legislator Lindsay. "Additionally, these events have given our downtown small businesses a boost they could certainly use

in these tough economic times. I hope these concerts will spark a renewed sense of community."

The final concert will feature Jimmy Buffett cover band Margaritaville, and Legislator Lindsay invites everyone to join him there. For more information, please call **854-9611**.

**AUGUST 11TH
MARGARITAVILLE!
BOSTI ELEMENTARY
50 BOURNE BLVD, BOHEMIA
7:30 P.M.**

Free Philharmonic Concert Returns to Heckscher State Park

Thanks to grant dollars secured by Legislator Lindsay the Islip Arts Council was able to continue the extraordinary cultural tradition of the Annual Free Philharmonic Concert in Heckscher State Park.

On Saturday, July 17th the Long Island Philharmonic and music director David Stewart Wiley treated thousands of Long Island Residents to a program featuring works by some of the most beloved American composers, including Gershwin, Bernstein, Billy Joel and John Williams



Suffolk Must Be Ready for Disasters

Lindsay Cites County's Vulnerability, Calls for Immediate Action to Prepare

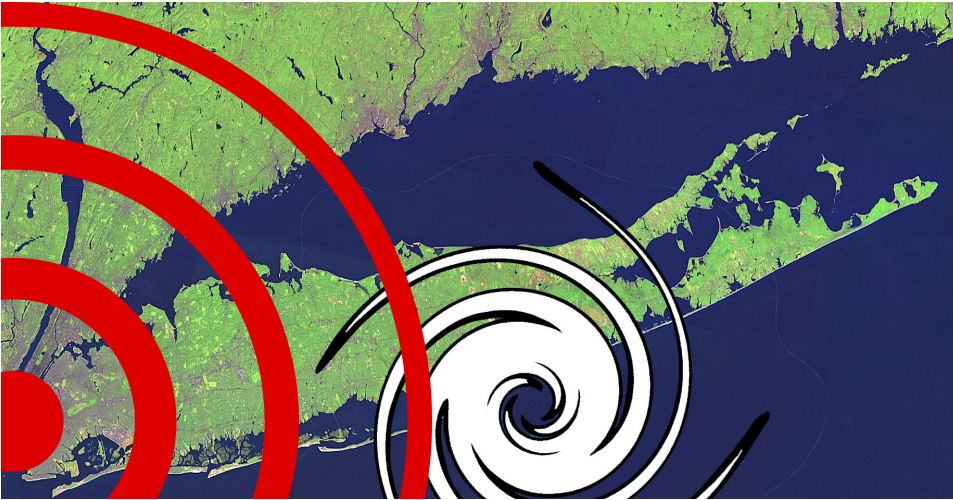
Legislator Lindsay created the Suffolk County Emergency Preparedness Council, which will be responsible for making sure Suffolk is prepared for a terrorist attack or any other catastrophic calamity, natural or man-made, in our region.

"The recent attempted car bombing in Times Square again underlined just how vulnerable our region is to a terrorist attack," said Lindsay. "In the worst case scenario of a nuclear, chemical or biological attack, Long Island could be cut from all direct

access to the mainland, leaving us without access to food, medicine and essential supplies, and thousands if not millions of refugees might stream into Nassau and Suffolk from Queens and Brooklyn. Our emergency service personnel must meet now to share and coordinate plans to cope with a disaster of such terrible magnitude."

Suffolk County's location on an island and its close proximity to New York City, a high value potential terror target, make emergency preparedness and response coordination between municipal, state and federal governments critical. The council would be required to meet quarterly at a minimum indefinitely into the future.

Recognizing the regional nature of the problem in the event of such a terrorist attack, the council would work with local, state and federal officials to make sure a coordinated response is ready to be implemented at a moment's notice.



24/7 Sex Offender Monitoring

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monitoring. We will no longer turn a blind eye to allowing unmonitored sex offenders in our neighborhoods. Vouchers undermined the central goal of Megan's Law—to allow residents to be aware of the presence of sex offenders in their community.

It also makes it possible for sex offenders to be housed in motel settings in close proximity, within a few feet, of families with children."

Under the voucher system, the Department of Social Services gave a homeless sex offender a daily voucher of \$90 and the sex offender was responsible for finding their own housing.

State law mandates that Suffolk County, through its Department of Social Services, provide housing for all homeless individuals, including sex offenders.

Lindsay's law directs the Commissioner of Social Services to

end the controversial homeless sex offender housing voucher program and gives the department 30 days to come up with a replacement plan.

Lindsay's plan requires that no more than six shelters be established to be run by experienced group home providers. No more than one such shelter shall be included in any township or legislative district. The shelters would be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Shelters must be located in non-residential neighborhoods.

"It is just lunacy to give these people \$90 a night to go wherever they want," Lindsay continued. "We will now have residences for these homeless sex offenders in the safest locations we can find, away from residential neighborhoods, and monitored 24/7. That is the best plan to provide the housing that is required by state law while protecting the safety of our families and communities."

Legislature Examines Ethics Commission

Lindsay Hopes to Restore Public Confidence

Legislator Lindsay has formed a special legislative committee to determine exactly what the Suffolk County Ethics Commission does and how it does it.

"Several incidents over the last two months have raised troubling questions about the role and operation of the county's Ethics Commission," said Presiding Officer Lindsay.

Given the questions that have been raised and the changes contemplated for the Commission, Lindsay said that it is imperative that the Legislature know in detail how the Ethics Commission operates as the body considers changes to their operation.

"I hope that this legislative committee can restore public confidence by making clear what it is the Ethics Commission does and making any recommendations necessary to change the way the Commission operates to make sure the Commission is absolutely beyond reproach," Lindsay added.

"The Ethics Commission must have the public's complete confidence that it is totally impartial."

-Leg. Lindsay